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1. Between noon and 6 p.m. on 10 July 1951, there was flying by about 15 to 20 IL-10s at Stuken airfield. The planes had white tips on their rudder assemblies. Most of the flights were made in formations of different strengths at an altitude of about 800 to 1,000 meters.
2. Seven LI-2 transports landed at the field between 5:30 and 7 a.m. on 11 July. The planes had [redacted] on their rudder assemblies. Between 8:45 a.m. and noon, local flights were made by about 15 ground attack aircraft with white tips on their rudder assemblies. [redacted] at 4 a.m., three transports, each towing a cargo glider, allegedly took off and headed west. (1)
3. Between 7 and 9 a.m. on 13 July, there was local flying by transports. Thirty-eight ground attack planes were parked in the southern section of the landing field. At 9:15 a.m. while passing along the northern edge of the field, [redacted] three transports which were parked in the northwestern corner of the field. The planes had the [redacted] white rectangles divided by a red crossline in the middle. From a distance it appeared as if the planes had two white squares on their rudder assemblies. Between 8:30 and 11:40 p.m., local flights were made by six transports. No changes were observed on the status of the landing field, hangars, runway, radio installations, or the barracks buildings.
4. Between 6 and 7 a.m. on 14 July, 24 ground attack aircraft took off from the field. At 8:15 a.m., 19 ground attack planes were parked in front of the hangars in the southern section of the field and four additional planes of the same type were seen at the take-off point. All the aircraft had white tips on their rudder assemblies. Up to 1 p.m., there was intensive flying by about 20 to 30 aircraft. The planes practiced flying in formations of about 6 to 18 planes at altitudes between 500 and 1,000 meters. (2)
5. On 14 July, 10 ground attack planes, including six [redacted] were parked on the landing field. Ten additional aircraft of the same type were aloft. [redacted] All the aircraft had white tips on their rudder assemblies. (2)

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6. Between 3:30 and 4 p.m. on 17 July, 28 single-engine planes, including three [redacted] were parked in front of the hangars in the southern section of the landing field. Eighteen additional aircraft of the same type were parked on the northern edge of the field. 25X1

7. About 35 to 37 single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked on the northern edge of the field on 20 July. Additional aircraft of the same type were parked in front of the hangars on the southern edge of the field. The planes on the northern edge appeared to be new. They had no white tips on their rudder assemblies, but red propeller hubs.

[redacted] were painted on the fuselages in front of the Soviet star. About 20 soldiers wearing flying suits were seen between the planes. There was no flying. Trucks

[redacted] were observed in the vicinity of the field. The underground tank installations on the northern edge of the field were surrounded by a wire mesh fence which was built recently. 25X1

8. On 15 July, 39 new ground attack aircraft with red stripes on their rudder assemblies were parked on the northern and eastern edges of the field. The planes were not seen there at 7 p.m. on the preceding evening. The red stripe was previously seen only on ground attack aircraft stationed at Doeberitz airfield. [redacted]

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(3) Two tents on the eastern edge of the field were occupied by EM. Thirty-eight ground attack aircraft with white tips on their rudder assemblies were parked in front of the hangars in the southern section of the field. The hangars were closed. There was no military activity on the field.

9. Between 4 and 11 p.m. on 20 July, about 11 ground attack planes made local flights at the field. The planes had white tips on their rudder assemblies. At 8:20 a.m. on 21 July, 39 ground attack aircraft with red tips on their rudder assemblies were parked on the northern and eastern edges of the landing field. Thirty-six ground attack planes with white tips on the rudder assemblies were seen on the southern edge of the landing field. About 15 to 20 aircraft started flying activity at about 9 a.m. At 11:35 a.m., a formation of 37 ground attack aircraft landed at the field. The planes came from the direction of Stoessensee flying in the following formation:

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It took all aircraft exactly 25 minutes to land.

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10. On 18 July, the field was occupied by 30 ground attack aircraft with white tips on their rudder assemblies. They were parked in front of the hangars on the southern edge of the field. Seventeen ground attack aircraft with yellow propeller hubs and white 25X1 consecutive [redacted] transports, 3 single-engine high-wing monoplanes, and 5 PO-2s were parked in the northeastern section of the landing field. Formation flights were made by ground attack aircraft between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. The formation of ground attack aircraft [redacted] landed at the field between 5 and 6 p.m. On 19 July, there was intensive flying up to 10:30 p.m. Only a few red lights marked the landing field after nightfall. Shortly before the landing of each plane, the runway was illuminated by a searchlight situated on the western edge of the field. As soon as the plane landed the light was switched off. 25X1

11. About 5 p.m. on 14 July, the following occupation was observed at the field for the first time. Twenty ground attack aircraft with red propeller hubs and white tips on their rudder assemblies, [redacted] were 25X1 parked at the southern edge of the landing field. Twenty other attack aircraft with yellow propeller hubs were parked at the southeastern corner of the landing field and 20 ground attack 25X1 airplanes each on the eastern, northeastern, and northern edges of the field. [redacted] the last 60 aircraft because they were covered with tarpaulins. Truck [redacted] was parked near the aircraft with yellow propeller hubs. There was no flying. The same occupation was observed at the field on 24 July. (4) 25X1B

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Comments.

- (1) The airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with IL-10s, and an air transport squadron equipped with LI-2s. Cargo gliders were previously observed at Staaken airfield. It has not been determined whether these cargo gliders now belong to the air transport squadron. It is believed that the cargo gliders are only temporarily stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany for exercises with army units. Cargo gliders were also seen at Altenburg and Dresden-Klotzsche airfields. The total number of cargo gliders now stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany is estimated at a maximum of about ten. 25X1

- (2) The white tips on the rudder assemblies are characteristic of the ground attack regiment in Staaken. [redacted]

25X1 Thus, approximately 64 aircraft belong to the ground 25X1 attack regiment. [redacted]

- (3) [redacted] a ground attack 25X1 regiment from Doeberitz was apparently transferred to Staaken. It is believed that this transfer was only temporary in connection with a maneuver.

- (4) It was observed during the same period that only one ground attack regiment was stationed in Doeberitz. This confirms the assumption that a ground attack regiment from Doeberitz was transferred to Staaken. [redacted]

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